Arrest of International drug smugglers

@944. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the arrest of a syndicate of international drug smugglers by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in its joint operation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

(b) what are the names of Indian involved in the racket; and

(c) what action Government have taken against such smugglers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Details of a consignment containing eight rolls of Carpet which had left Varanasi for Toronto (Canada) Via Bombay, Dubai, London and Brussels in which Hashish was concealed were passed on to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence. The Canadian authorities located and intercepted the consignment which resulted in the seizure of hashish waighing 202.7 Kgs. The seizure was followed by the arrest of 6 persons in Canada. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence was also able to alert the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding the smuggling of Cocaine by the same syndicate from Caracas (Venezuela) to Ontanio (Canada) which lead to the seizure by Royal Canadian Mounted Police on 5-5-90 of 15 Kgs. of Cocaine.

(b) The names of the Indians involved are S. P. Behl alias S. P. Kapoor, Ashok Bhatt, Harbhajan Singh Kahlon alias Bhajji, Kishore Ramniklal Bhatt and Prakash N. Sawant, all operating from India.

(c) Detention orders under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 have been issued in respect of the Indians involved in this case. Of them S. P. Behl alias S. P. Kapoor, Ashok Bhatt and Harbhajan Singh Kahlon alias Bhajji were arrested. The other two are absconding. The detention orders in respect of Kishore Ramniklal Bhatt and Prakash N Sawant were sent to the Home Secretary, Government of Maharashtra for service, as they are absconding.

@Previously Unstarred question No. 330, transferred from 8-8-90.

Availability of diamonds along the Banks of Sagileru river in Andhra Pradesh

945. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that survey by Geological Survey of India has revealed that there is possibility of availability of diamonds along the banks of Sagileru river in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir. Surveys conducted so far by the Geological Survey of India have not indicated any incidence of diamonds.

(b) Does not airse.

Projects in Orissa getting World Bank Aid

946. SHRI CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of projects in Orissa getting aid from World Bank; and

(b) what is the cost of each of the projects and progress made in each projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) A list of projects

for which loans/credits have been nego- tiated with the World Bank are enclosed in the Statement.

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List of Projects in Orissa Getting Aid From World Bank

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Total cost ($m)	Amou nt of IBRD/IDA committed ($ m.)	Date of agreement	Utilisation as on 30-6-90 ($ million)
1	Upper Indravati HEP.	Rs. 481 cr. at appraisal by IBRD in April, 1983.	SDR. 156.0 IDA US $ 156.4 million.	8-6-83	US $ 142.97
2	Vocational Training project.	Rs. 687.79 crores.	280.0	16-6-89	US $ 27.8 including R.F.
3	Integrated Child Development Services project (ICDS) Orissa and A.P.	Rs. 303.21 crores. Tentative cost of Orissa is Rs. 172.43.	95.0	Negotiated in May 1990 yet to be approved by Bank Board and agreement not yet signed.	
4	National Seeds project.	177.5	150.0	22-12-1988	3.817
5	NAEP-I	US $ 65.6	39.1	11-4-1985	2.179

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's suggestion on increasing overall shares of States in Union Excise Duties

947. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has suggested to the Finance Minister that the overall shares for all the States in Union Excise Duties may be increased from 45 per cent to 50 per cent and out of this 42.5 per cent be given to all states and the balance 7.5 per cent be made available to deficit States; and

(b) if so, whether his suggestion has been given effect to from the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission for the five years period commencing from 1st of April, 1990 have already been accepted by the Government.

Conversion of Vice-Regal lodge at Simla into a hotel

048. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that erstwhile Vice-Regal Lodge at Simla wherein the Indian Institute of Advanced Study is presently located is proposed to be converted into a hotel;

(b) whether Government propose to let it out to the ITDC or to some foreign or Indian hotelier in private sector;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Himachal Pradesh Government has also been consulted in the matter; and

(e) if so, what is State Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY